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BUILDERS**

February 16, 1998

The Honorable Pete Sessions
United States House of Representatives
13 18 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 205 15

RE: HR3238, "NPDES Permit Gap Prevention Act of 1998"

Dear Representative Sessions:

Thank you for authoring HR 3238, which prevents lapses in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (**NPDES**) General Permit. Since the expiration of the 1992 General Permit on September 9, 1997, it has been unclear to builders and developers what requirements must be met to be in compliance with the NPDES program. This bill will eliminate the uncertainty that builders and developers are presently facing as they seek to comply with environmental regulations. **HR** 3238 will also prevent a potential slow down or halt to the residential construction industry.

We appreciate your continued support on this issue and the leadership you have shown for Texas. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Gary Sheffield
President

cc: Congressional District Office